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SUBJ: MAYOR LUEDER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

SUMMARY: LUEDER APPEARS PLEASED WITH US VISIT AND
HAS GENERATED SOME GOOD PRESS COMMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF HERR WOLLMER, MESSAGE IN
PARA 11 OF REFTTEL WAS PERSONALLY CONVEYED TO MAYOR
LUEDER OCT 6. (LUEDER HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
WHETHER REPLY TO HIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN RECEIVED
DURING BRIEF MEETING WITH MINISTER AND EMBOFF ON
OCT 6 IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF NEW DM 9.3
MILLION GILLETTE STORAGE FACILITY IN TEMPLEHOF.)

2. MAYOR LUEDER HAS INDICATED HE WAS QUITE PLEASED
WITH VISIT, KEEN UNDERSTANDING OF BERLIN'S ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS DISPLAYED IN WASHINGTON, AND ASSURANCES OF
SUPPORT FOR PRESENT BERLIN ECONOMIC PROGRAMS. HE
TOOK INITIATIVE TO CALL SMALL MEETING OF BERLIN
JOURNALISTS TO MAKE PERSONAL REPORT ON TRIP. THIS
BRIEFING RESULTED IN SEVERAL FAVORABLE PRESS
ACCOUNTS OF VISIT ON OCT 5 WHICH INCLUDED LUEDER'S
ASSESSMENT OF "COMPLETE UNITY BETWEEN BERLIN SENAT
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AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON BERLIN POLICY."

HIS EXPECTATION OF CONTINUITY IN UNITED STATES BERLIN POLICY FOLLOWING THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS, AND ASSERTION IN THIS CONTEXT: "BERLIN IS AND REMAINS INTEGRAL PART OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY." PAPERS REPORTED HIS OBSERVATION THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF CRISES BERLIN WAS PUSHED OUT OF THE HEADLINES. BERLIN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES MUST THEREFORE BE STRENGTHENED IN ALL AREAS. WITH RESPECT TO PROSPECTS FOR LURING NEW U.S. BUSINESS TO BERLIN, HE CONCEDED US INVESTMENT BOOM PERIOD WAS OVER AND THE "HARD MARK" WAS NOT HELPING BERLIN IN THIS RESPECT. HOWEVER, DOORS TO IMPORTANT PEOPLE HAD BEEN OPENED DURING HIS AMERICAN TRIP.

3. LUEDER ALSO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON HIS TALKS WITH PANAM CHIEF SEAWELL, RESURRECTION OF BA AND PANAM INTEREST IN ZURICH FLIGHTS (WHICH LUEDER HOPED WOULD NOT CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT) AND PANAM'S HOPES WHICH LUEDER CALLED PLANS TO SHORTEN TRANSFER TIMES FOR BERLIN TRAFFIC TO THE EAST BLOCK VIA FRANKFURT, AND COPENHAGEN VIA HAMBURG. LUEDER ASSERTED BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC PRICES WOULD NOT BE RAISED AGAIN IN 1976, AND THAT IN ANY FUTURE PRICE INCREASE QUESTIONS, THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATIONS. GEORGE

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